Recommendations of the Working Group for Tribal

2920. SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state.

(a) whether Government propose to accept the recommendations of the Working Group" constituted for the Seventh Five Year Plan for Tribal Development to the effect that 50 per cent matching grant be provided by the Government of India for the development of infrastructure as well as running cost to the states for Hostels; and

(b) if the reply to part (a) above be in the affirmative, whether Government propose to provide financial assistance to Madhya Pradesh in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRI GIRDHAR GOMANGO): (a) The Working Group On Development of Scheduled Tribes during Seventh Five Year Plan had recommended that the State Plan should earmark adequate funds for expansion or hostel facilities at the primary, middle and high school stages of education in the tribal areas, both for boys and girls and matching contribution should be made available to the States from Centrally sponsored schemes operated by the Ministry. Keeping in view the said recommendation the Centrally sponsored scheme for construction and expansion of Tribal Girls Hostels under which financial assistance is given to the States on maching basis, is being continued.

(b) During the year 1937-38 assistance of Rs. 23.06 lakhs has been sanctioned to the Government of Madhya Pradesh as central share under the scheme.

Telecasting of Reliance Cup

2921. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased ' to state:

(a) whether Government consider the performance of Doordarshan in telecasting Reliance World Cricket Cup as satisfactory; and

(b) if not, what steps Government propose to take so that Doordarshan could perform better in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI AJIT PANJA) (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Does not arise. However, it is the constant endeavour of Doordarshan to further improve upon its programmes.

Scheme to increase oilseed production

2922. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have approved a Rs. 170 crore scheme to augment production, of oilseed in the country;

(b) if so, what are the salient features of the scheme;

(c) what are the names of the districts of Bihar which have been selected for the purpose; and

(d) what is the strategy to be followed for augmenting the production of oilseed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The National Oilseeds Development Project provides financial assistance to the States on various critical inputs like multiplication and supply of improved seeds, provision for plant protection measures, improved farm implement supply, organising large sized block demonstrations etc.